AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder having a composition represented by the general formula ABO_3, wherein A is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ba, Ca, Sr and Mg, and B is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ti and Zr, the method comprising

providing a mixture of a preformed carbonate powder of A having an organic polymer adsorbed thereon and an oxide powder of B, and

calcining the mixture;

wherein the carbonate powder is a $BaCO_3$ powder with a specific surface area of about 10 m^2/g or more.

2. (Original) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 1, further comprising mixing the carbonate powder and the oxide powder of B.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 2, further comprising allowing a carbonate powder of A to adsorb an organic polymer compound to produce the ~~organic~~ carbonate powder containing the adsorbed polymer compound.

4. (Previously presented) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 3, wherein the procedure for allowing the carbonate powder of A to adsorb the organic polymer compound comprises:

preparing a slurry of the carbonate powder of A dispersed in a solution containing the organic polymer compound; and

removing a solvent contained in the slurry to produce the carbonate powder containing the organic polymer compound adsorbed onto the surface of the carbonate powder.

5. (Original) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 4, wherein the organic polymer compound has a molecular weight in the range of about 1,000 to 100,000.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein the amount of the organic polymer compound adsorbed is in the range of about 0.1% to 5% by weight of the amount of the carbonate powder.

8. (Original) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 7, wherein the amount of the organic polymer compound adsorbed is in the range of about 0.3% to 2% by weight of the amount of the carbonate powder.

9. (Original) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 1, wherein the organic polymer compound has a molecular weight in the range of about 1,000 to 100,000.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A method for making a raw dielectric ceramic powder according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the organic polymer compound adsorbed is in the range of about 0.1% to 5% by weight of the amount of the carbonate powder.

12. (Original) A method for making a dielectric ceramic comprising :

effecting the method of Claim 1;

adding binder and solvent to the raw dielectric ceramic powder to prepare a ceramic slurry;

molding the ceramic slurry to form a green dielectric ceramic compact; and

firing the green dielectric ceramic compact.

13. (Original) A method for fabricating a monolithic ceramic capacitor comprising :

effecting the method of Claim 1;

adding binder and solvent to the raw dielectric ceramic powder to prepare a ceramic slurry;

forming a green ceramic laminate comprising a plurality of green ceramic layers comprising the ceramic slurry and internal electrodes extending along the predetermined interfaces of the ceramic layers; and

firing the green ceramic laminate.

14- 20 (Canceled)